

## COHOMOLOGY OF GALOIS EXTENSIONS\*

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### Introduction

Let  $E$  be an extension field of a field  $K$  and let  $G$  be the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $K$ . Further let  $K$  be the fixed field of  $G$ . When  $E$  is finite separable normal over  $K$ , the theorems of Galois cohomology are classical. When  $E$  is infinite separable normal over  $K$ , they have been extended by considering  $G$  with the Krull topology (it is compact),  $G^n$  with the product topology and the  $n$ -cochains to be continuous maps from  $G^n$  into  $E$  (or  $E^*$ ) with discrete topology. When  $E$  is transcendental over  $K$ , the Krull topology on  $G$  is no longer compact most often not compatible with Galois theory and is discrete whenever  $E$  is finitely generated over  $K$ . Hence consideration of Galois cohomology with Krull topology becomes very difficult in this case.

However it has been shown in [4] that there is a topology  $J$  on  $G$  which is compatible with Galois theory, for which translations and inverse are homeomorphisms, which in case  $E$  is algebraic over  $K$  coincides with the Krull topology and which for a large class of extensions is compact.

Hence, in this paper, we consider  $G$  with this topology  $J$ ,  $n$ -cochains to be continuous maps from  $G^n$  with the product topology into  $E$  (or  $E^*$ ) with the discrete topology and the corresponding cohomology groups  $H^n(G, J, E)$  (or  $H^n(G, J, E^*)$ ).

We prove the following:

**Theorem.** *If  $E, K, G$  is such that  $\bar{K}$  (the algebraic closure of  $K$  in  $E$ ) is Galois closed, then*

$$H^n(G, J, E) \simeq H^n(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}) \text{ and}$$

$$H^n(G, J, E^*) \simeq H^n(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*) \text{ for all } n \geq 0,$$

where  $S = \{\sigma \in G(\bar{K}/K) : \sigma \text{ is extendable to an automorphism of } E \text{ over } K\}$  and  $\tau_0$  is the Krull topology on  $S$ .

When  $S = G(\bar{K}/K)$ , the cohomology of  $E, K, G$  with respect to  $J$  reduces to the

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classical cohomology of  $\bar{K}$  over  $K$  with Krull topology for  $G(\bar{K}/K)$ . We show that this happens precisely when  $(G/G_0, \bar{J})$  is a compact space.

The condition that  $(G/G_0, \bar{J})$  is compact is satisfied in the following cases:

1) All extensions  $E$  such that  $(G, J)$  is compact. This class of extensions is completely characterized in Theorem 2.9. This theorem incidentally spotlights algebraically why the Krull topology is compact in the classical case.

2)  $E$  is an algebraically closed extension of  $K$  and  $K$  is of characteristic zero.

3)  $E$  is a Dedekind extension of  $K$  i.e. for each intermediate field  $F$ ,  $F$  is the fixed field of some subgroup of  $G$ .

4)  $E$  is a finitely generated extension of  $K$ .

We also prove that

**Theorem.** If  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed then always  $H^1(G, J, E) = 0$  and  $H^1(G, J, E^*) = 1$ .

Section 1 deals with the preliminaries, notations and definitions. In Section 2, we determine when  $J$  is compact and work out a few needed basic results of  $J$ . In Section 3, the main results are proved.

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## 1

Throughout this paper  $E$  is an extension field of a field  $K$ ,  $G$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $K$ . Further we assume that  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $K$  i.e. that  $K$  is the fixed field of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.1.**  $\bar{K} = \{x \in E : x \text{ is algebraic over } K\}$  i.e.  $\bar{K}$  is the algebraic closure of  $K$  in  $E$ .  $\bar{K}$  is a subfield of  $E$  and an extension of  $K$ .  $\bar{K}$  is said to be Galois closed if  $E/\bar{K}$  is Galois i.e. if it is the fixed field of some subgroup of  $G$ .  $G(\bar{K}/K)$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $\bar{K}$  over  $K$ .

**Definition 1.2.** If  $x \in E$ , we let  $G(x) = \{\sigma \in G \mid \sigma(x) \neq x\}$ . If  $s \in G$ ,  $x \in E$ ,  $sG(x) = \{s\sigma : \sigma \in G(x)\}$ . The set of all  $sG(x)$ ,  $s \in G$ ,  $x \in E$ , forms a sub-base (of open sets) for a topology on  $G$ . This is the topology  $J$  on  $G$ . A base for  $J$  consists of sets of the form  $s_1 G(x_1) \cap s_2 G(x_2) \cap \cdots \cap s_n G(x_n)$ . A net  $s_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in D$  a directed set, converges to an element  $s$  in  $(G, J)$  if and only if whenever  $t \in G$  and  $x \in E$  and  $s(x) \neq t(x)$  then there is a  $d_0 \in D$  such that  $s_d(x) \neq t(x)$  for all  $d \geq d_0$ .

It has been shown in [4] that for  $(G, J)$  translations and inverse are homeomorphisms and that a subgroup  $S$  of  $G$  is Galois closed (i.e.  $S$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $I(S)$ , where  $I(S) = \{x \in E : s(x) = x \text{ for every } s \in S\}$ ) if and only if  $S$  is a closed set in  $(G, J)$ .

**Definition 1.3.** If  $x \in E$ , we let  $G_x = \{\sigma \in G \mid \sigma(x) = x\}$ . We note that  $G_x =$

$G \setminus G(x)$  and that the set of all  $sG_x$ ,  $s \in G$ ,  $x \in E$  forms a sub base of closed sets for  $J$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $G$  be a group,  $(A, +)$  an abelian group on which  $G$  acts on the left. Let  $\tau$  be some topology on the set  $G$  (not necessarily related to the action of  $G$  in any way). We then say  $(G, \tau, A)$  is a transformation system.

**Definition 1.5.** Two transformation systems  $(G, \tau, A)$  and  $(G', \tau', A)$  are said to be isomorphic if there exists a map  $\theta : G \rightarrow G'$  such that  $\theta$  is an isomorphism between the groups and is a homeomorphism between the topologies and for each  $s \in G$  and  $a \in A$  we have  $sa = \theta(s)a$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $(G, \tau, A)$  be a transformation system. We take the discrete topology on  $A$ . For each  $n \geq 1$ , we take on  $G^n$  the product topology obtained from  $\tau$ . We define  $C^0(G, \tau, A) = A$ .

If  $n \geq 1$  we define  $C^n(G, \tau, A) = \{f : f \text{ is a continuous map from } G^n \text{ into } A\}$ .

If  $f, g \in C^n(G, \tau, A)$  we define  $f + g$  by  $(f + g)(s_1, \dots, s_n) = f(s_1, \dots, s_n) + g(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . Then  $f + g \in C^n(G, \tau, A)$  and under this operation  $+$ ,  $C^n(G, \tau, A)$  becomes an abelian group. If  $a \in C^0(G, \tau, A)$  we define  $da : G \rightarrow A$  by  $da(\sigma) = \sigma a - a$ .  $da$  may not belong to  $C^1(G, \tau, A)$ . When  $n \geq 1$  and  $f \in C^n(G, \tau, A)$  we define  $df : G^{n+1} \rightarrow A$  by

$$(df)(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}) = s_1 f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f(s_1, \dots, s_i s_{i+1}, \dots, s_{n+1}) \\ + (-1)^{n+1} f(s_1, \dots, s_n).$$

We again note that  $df$  need not belong to  $C^{n+1}(G, \tau, A)$ . We say an  $f \in C^n(G, \tau, A)$  is an  $n$ -cocycle if  $df$  takes every element of  $G^{n+1}$  to 0. When  $n \geq 1$ , an element  $g \in C^n(G, \tau, A)$  is called a  $n$ -coboundary if  $g \in dC^{n-1}(G, \tau, A)$ .

We let  $Z^n(G, \tau, A) = \{f \mid f \text{ is an } n\text{-cocycle}\}$ .

If  $n \geq 1$ ,  $B^n(G, \tau, A) = \{g \mid g \text{ is an } n\text{-coboundary}\}$ .

We define  $B^0(G, \tau, A) = 0$ .

By classical arguments, we have  $d^2$  is the zero map,  $Z^n(G, \tau, A)$  is an abelian group,  $B^n(G, \tau, A)$  is a subgroup of  $Z^n(G, \tau, A)$ . We define  $H^n(G, \tau, A) = Z^n(G, \tau, A)/B^n(G, \tau, A)$ , and call it the  $n$ th cohomology group of  $(G, \tau)$  with coefficients in  $A$ .

**Notation 1.7.** If  $(A, +)$  is taken to be  $(E, +)$  we write  $H^n(G, \tau, E)$  for  $H^n(G, \tau, A)$ . When  $(A, +)$  is taken to be  $(E^*, \cdot)$  where  $E^* = E \setminus 0$  and  $\cdot$  is the multiplication in  $E$ , we write  $H^n(G, \tau, E^*)$  for  $H^n(G, \tau, A)$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** If the transformation systems  $(G, \tau, A)$  and  $(G', \tau', A')$  are isomorphic then for each  $n \geq 0$  we have

$$H^n(G, \tau, A) \simeq H^n(G', \tau', A').$$

**Proof.** This is trivial and hence omitted.

## 2

In this section we develop some results needed for Section 3.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For  $\bar{K}$  the following hold:*

- 1) *For each  $x \in \bar{K}$ ,  $G_x$  is a closed subgroup of finite index in  $(G, J)$ .*
- 2)  *$\bar{K}$  is invariant under all automorphisms in  $G$ .*
- 3)  *$\bar{K}$  is an algebraic separable normal extension of  $K$ .*
- 4) *Any finite number of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $\bar{K}$  is contained in a  $K(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$ , such that  $K(\alpha)$  is a finite separable normal extension of  $K$ .*

**Proof.** We omit the proof since these are fairly standard.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $G_0$  be the connected component of the identity in  $(G, J)$ . Then  $G_0$  is a closed normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed then  $G_0$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $\bar{K}$  and  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_0$ .*

**Proof.** Since translations and inverse are homeomorphisms for  $(G, J)$  we get that  $G_0$  is a closed normal subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $G_1$  be the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $\bar{K}$ . For each  $x \in \bar{K}$ ,  $G_x$  is a closed subgroup of  $G$  of finite index in  $G$  and since translations are homeomorphisms it is open in  $(G, J)$ . Hence  $G_0 \subset G_x$  and so  $G_0 \subset G_1$ . Let us assume now  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed. Then  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_1$ . We claim  $G_1$  is connected. If not there exist two open sets  $V_1, V_2$ , in  $G$  such that  $G_1 \subset V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $V_1 \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V_2 \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $V_1 \cap V_2 \cap G_1 = \emptyset$ . This implies that there exist two basic open sets  $s_1 G(x_1) \cap \dots \cap s_m G(x_m)$ ,  $t_1 G(y_1) \cap \dots \cap t_n G(y_n)$  each intersecting  $G_1$  and such that

$$G_1 \cap s_1 G(x_1) \cap \dots \cap s_m G(x_m) \cap t_1 G(y_1) \cap \dots \cap t_n G(y_n) = \emptyset.$$

Hence  $G_1 \subset s_1 G_{x_1} \cup \dots \cup s_m G_{x_m} \cup t_1 G_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup t_n G_{y_n}$ . Now  $G_1 = (s_1 G_{x_1} \cap G_1) \cup \dots \cup (t_n G_{y_n} \cap G_1)$ . If  $s_1 G_{x_1} \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$  then  $s_1 G_{x_1} \cap G_1$  is a coset of  $G_{x_1} \cap G_1$  and similarly for other terms. Hence  $G_1$  is a finite union of cosets of some of the subgroups  $G_{x_i} \cap G_1$ . After successively omitting superfluous terms we can apply Lemma 1.3 [4] or theorems of [2] and obtain that  $G_1$  is a finite union of cosets of a subgroup  $S$  where  $S$  is an intersection of some of the  $G_{x_i}$  and  $G_1$ .

Now  $S$  is a Galois closed subgroup since  $G_1$  and  $G_{x_i}$  are Galois closed. If  $F$  is the fixed field of  $S$  then  $F$  is a finite extension of  $\bar{K}$  since  $S$  is of finite index in  $G_1$  and  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_1$ . Hence  $F$  is algebraic over  $\bar{K}$ . But  $\bar{K}$  is algebraic over  $K$  and

hence  $F$  is algebraic over  $K$ . By the definition of  $\bar{K}$  we get  $F = \bar{K}$ . This implies that  $S = G_1$ . Hence  $G_1 \subset G_{x_i}$  for at least one  $i$ . Then  $s_i G_{x_i} \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$  implies  $s_i \in G_{x_i}$  and hence  $s_i G_{x_i} = G_{x_i}$ . So  $s_i G(x_i) = G \setminus s_i G_{x_i}$  is disjoint with  $G_1$ . This is a contradiction since  $G_1$  intersects each of the basic open sets. Now  $G_1$  is connected,  $G_1 \supset G_0$  imply  $G_1 = G_0$ . Finally since  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed,  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_1$  and hence of  $G_0$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\bar{K}$  be Galois closed. Let  $s_1 G(x_1) \cap \cdots \cap s_n G(x_n)$  be a basic open set disjoint with a coset  $sG_0$ , where  $G_0$  is the connected component at the identity of  $G$  and such that  $(\bigcap_{i \neq j} s_i G(x_i)) \cap sG_0 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $j$ . Then  $x_i \in \bar{K}$  for each  $i$ .*

**Proof.** We get from the hypothesis that  $sG_0 \subset \bigcup_1^n s_i G_{x_i}$  and no term here is redundant. Hence  $G_0 \subset \bigcup_1^n (s^{-1}s_i)G_{x_i}$  and hence  $G_0 = \bigcup_1^n (s^{-1}s_i G_{x_i} \cap G_0)$ . Now  $s^{-1}s_i G_{x_i} \cap G_0$  can be written as coset of  $G_{x_i} \cap G_0$ . Hence  $G_0$  is a finite union of cosets of the groups  $G_{x_i} \cap G_0$ . By Lemma 1.3 of [4] or [2] we get that  $G_0$  is a finite union of cosets of the group  $G_0 \cap G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n}$ . Now  $G_0, G_{x_1}, \dots, G_{x_n}$  are all closed subgroups under  $J$  and hence  $G_0 \cap G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n}$  is a closed subgroup. Since this of finite index in  $G_0$  and translations are homeomorphisms of for  $J$ , we get that  $G_0 \cap G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n}$  is open in  $G_0$ . Since  $G_0$  is connected we get that  $G_0 = G_0 \cap G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n}$ . This implies  $G_0 \subset G_{x_i}$  for each  $i$ . Since  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed,  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_0$  by Theorem 2.2. Hence the fixed field of  $G_{x_i} \subset \bar{K}$  and so  $x_i \in \bar{K}$  for each  $i$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\bar{K}$  be Galois closed. Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $(G, J)$  containing the identity  $e$  of  $G$  and such that  $G \setminus V = \bigcup_{i \in I} t_i G_0$  for some index set  $I$ . Then there is an  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  such that  $G_\alpha \subset V$  and  $K(\alpha)$  is a finite normal extension of  $K$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $s_1 G(x_1) \cap \cdots \cap s_n G(x_n)$  be a basic open set containing the identity  $e$  and contained in  $V$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \neq j} s_i G(x_i) \cap (G \setminus V) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $j$  (such a basic open set definitely exists). Then  $G \setminus V \subset \bigcup_1^n s_i G_{x_i}$ . Then  $t_k G_0 \subset \bigcup_1^n s_i G_{x_i}$  for each  $k \in I$ . By successively omitting the superfluous terms for this  $t_k G_0$  we can apply Lemma 2.3 and get that some of the  $x_i \in \bar{K}$ . By the choice of the basic open set, each  $s_i G_{x_i}$  will occur irredundantly for some  $t_k G_0$  and hence all the  $x_i \in \bar{K}$ .

Now  $G_{x_i}$  is a open and closed set since  $x_i \in \bar{K}$  (by Theorem 2.1 and the fact that translations are homeomorphisms for  $(G, J)$ ). Since  $e \in s_i G(x_i)$  we get that  $s_i^{-1} \in G(x_i)$ . If  $\sigma \in G_{x_i}$  then  $\sigma(x_i) = x_i$ . Hence  $(s_i^{-1}\sigma)(x_i) = s_i^{-1}(x_i) \neq x_i$  and so  $s_i^{-1}\sigma \notin G(x_i)$  and so  $\sigma \in s_i G(x_i)$ . Thus  $G_{x_i} \subset s_i G(x_i)$ . Hence we get that  $e \in G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n} \subset \bigcap_1^n s_i G(x_i) \subset V$ . By Theorem 2.1 there is an  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  such that  $K(\alpha)/K$  is finite separable normal and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are in  $K(\alpha)$ . Now  $e \in G_\alpha \subset G_{x_1} \cap \cdots \cap G_{x_n} \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $S$  be a group of automorphisms of  $\bar{K}$  over  $K$ . If  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  let  $S_\alpha = \{\sigma \in S : \sigma(\alpha) = \alpha\}$ .  $S_\alpha$  is a subgroup of finite index in  $S$ . If  $s \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  let  $sS_\alpha = \{s\sigma : \sigma \in S_\alpha\}$ . The collection of all  $sS_\alpha$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  form a subbase of

open sets for a topology  $\tau_0$  on  $S$ . This topology  $\tau_0$  is called the Krull topology on  $S$ .  $\tau_0$  is translation invariant in  $S$ . If  $S$  has fixed field  $K$  then  $(S, \tau_0)$  is a Hausdorff topological group and is the subspace of  $G(\bar{K}/K)$  with Krull topology.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\bar{K}$  be Galois closed. Let  $\bar{G} = G/G_0$  and  $\bar{J}$  be the quotient topology on  $\bar{G}$  from  $(G, J)$  under the canonical map  $\alpha_1: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ . Then  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  is a transformation system isomorphic to the system  $(S, \tau_0, \bar{K})$  where  $S = \{\sigma \in G(\bar{K}/K) : \sigma \text{ is extendable to an automorphism of } E \text{ over } K\}$  and  $\tau_0$  is the Krull topology on it. Further  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}^*)$  is a transformation system isomorphic to the system  $(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*)$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.2,  $G_0$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $\bar{K}$  and  $\bar{K}$  is the fixed field of  $G_0$ . Also if  $x \in \bar{K}$  and  $s \in G$  then  $s(x) \in \bar{K}$  (by Theorem 2.1). If  $sG_0 \in \bar{G}$  and  $x \in \bar{K}$  we define  $(sG_0)x = s(x)$ . If  $sG_0 = tG_0$  then  $s^{-1}t \in G_0$  and so  $s^{-1}t(x) = x$  if  $x \in \bar{K}$  and so  $s(x) = t(x)$ . Hence we easily get that  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  is a transformation system with this definition.

We now define a map  $\theta: \bar{G} \rightarrow S$  by  $\theta(sG_0) = s|_{\bar{K}}$ .  $s|_{\bar{K}} \in S$  since  $s \in G$ . If  $sG_0 = tG_0$  then  $s^{-1}t \in G_0$  and hence  $s^{-1}t$  is identity on  $\bar{K}$  and so  $s|_{\bar{K}} = t|_{\bar{K}}$ . Hence  $\theta$  is a well defined map. Moreover  $\theta$  is injective since if  $\theta(sG_0) = \theta(tG_0)$  then  $s|_{\bar{K}} = t|_{\bar{K}}$  and so  $s^{-1}t|_{\bar{K}} = \text{identity}$  and hence  $s^{-1}t \in G_0$  (by Theorem 2.2) and thus  $sG_0 = tG_0$ . If  $s \in S$  and  $\sigma$  is an extension of  $s$  to an automorphism of  $E$  over  $K$  then  $\theta(\sigma G_0) = \sigma|_{\bar{K}} = s$  and hence  $\theta$  is onto. It is easily seen that  $\theta$  is a homomorphism and hence  $\theta$  is an isomorphism. Further for each  $x \in \bar{K}$ , we have  $(sG_0)x = s(x) = (s|_{\bar{K}})(x) = \theta(sG_0)x$ .

Both for  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  and  $(S, \tau_0)$  translations are homeomorphisms (this is easy to see). Hence to show that  $\theta$  is continuous it is enough to show that  $\theta^{-1}(S_\alpha)$  is open in  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  if  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$ .

Now  $\theta^{-1}(S_\alpha)$  is precisely the image of  $G_\alpha$  in  $\bar{G}$ . Since  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$ ,  $G_\alpha$  is a closed subgroup containing  $G_0$  of finite index in  $(G, J)$  and hence open in  $(G, J)$ . Hence  $G_\alpha$  is the full pre-image of  $\theta^{-1}(S_\alpha)$ . Since  $\bar{J}$  is the quotient topology we have  $\theta^{-1}(S_\alpha)$  is open in  $\bar{G}$ . Hence  $\theta$  is continuous.

To show that  $\theta$  is a open map it is enough to show that if  $V_1$  is a open set containing the identity in  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  then  $\theta(V_1)$  is a neighbourhood of the identity in  $(S, \tau_0)$ .

Let  $V$  be the preimage of  $V_1$  in  $(G, J)$ . Then  $V$  is open in  $(G, J)$  contains the identity  $e$  of  $G$ , and  $G \setminus V$  is a union of cosets of  $G_0$ . Hence by Theorem 2.4, there is an  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  such that  $G_\alpha \subset V$ . Now  $\alpha_1(G_\alpha) \subset V_1$  and  $\theta(\alpha_1(G_\alpha)) = S_\alpha$ . Thus  $\theta(V_1)$  contains  $S_\alpha$  and hence is a neighbourhood of the identity in  $(S, \tau_0)$ . Hence  $\theta$  is a open map. Therefore  $\theta$  is a homeomorphism.

It follows that the transformation systems  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  and  $(S, \tau_0, \bar{K})$  are isomorphic under  $\theta$ . Since 0 is a fixed point under all the actions here we get that  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}^*)$  is a transformation system isomorphic to the system  $(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed then  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a compact space if and only if every automorphism of  $\bar{K}/K$  is extendable to an automorphism of  $E$  over  $K$ , i.e.  $S = G(\bar{K}/K)$ .*

**Proof.** Since each  $\sigma \in G$  gives an element  $\sigma|_{\bar{K}}$  of  $S$ , we get that the fixed field of  $S$  in  $\bar{K}$  is  $K$ . Hence  $S$  is a dense subgroup of  $(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0)$ . Also  $(S, \tau_0)$  is the subspace of  $(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0)$ .

If  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is compact, from the proof of Theorem 2.6, since  $\theta$  is a homeomorphism we get  $S$  is compact. Since  $(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0)$  is Hausdorff  $S$  is closed and hence  $S = G(\bar{K}/K)$ .

Conversely if  $S = G(\bar{K}/K)$  then by classical Krull Galois theory  $(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0)$  is a compact space and again since  $\theta$  is a homeomorphism, we get  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a compact space.

This establishes Theorem 2.7.

**Theorem 2.8.** *If  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed then  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a locally compact space if and only if  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a compact space.*

**Proof.** If  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is compact then surely it is locally compact. Conversely if  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is locally compact then proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 2.7, we get that  $S$  is a locally compact dense subgroup of the Hausdorff group  $(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0)$  and so is open and hence is closed and there by  $S = G(\bar{K}/K)$ . Then Theorem 2.7 completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.9.** *For the extension  $E/K$ ,  $(G, J)$  is a compact space if and only if the following condition is satisfied. If  $F$  is an intermediate field of  $E/K$  and  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism of  $F/K$  into  $E/K$  such that given any finite number of elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  in  $F$  there exists an element  $s \in G$  such that  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = s(\alpha_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then  $\sigma$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $E$  over  $K$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $E/K$  satisfies the above condition. To show that  $J$  is compact. By Alexander's theorem it is enough show that any open cover of  $G$  by members of the sub-base has a finite subcover. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a open cover consisting of members from the sub-base.

If  $\mathcal{F}$  has two distinct members of the form  $s_1 G(x)$  and  $s_2 G(x)$  then we claim that  $G = s_1 G(x) \cup s_2 G(x)$ . For if  $s \in G$  and  $s \notin s_1 G(x)$  then  $s_1^{-1}s \notin G(x)$  and hence  $s_1^{-1}s(x) = x$ . This implies  $s_1(x) = s(x)$ . Similarly  $s \notin s_2 G(x)$  implies  $s(x) = s_2(x)$ . Hence if  $s \notin s_1 G(x) \cup s_2 G(x)$  then  $s_1(x) = s_2(x)$ . This implies  $s_1 G_x = s_2 G_x$  and hence  $s_1 G(x) = s_2 G(x)$ . Hence we can suppose that  $\mathcal{F} = \{s_x G(x)\}$ ,  $x \in I$ , for a suitable index set. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  does not allow of a finite sub cover. Consider the family of closed sets  $\{s_x G_x\}_{x \in I}$ . This has the finite intersection property. Hence it is enough to show that  $\bigcap_{x \in I} s_x G_x \neq \emptyset$ ; since this would imply that  $\mathcal{F}$  does not cover  $G$ .

Let  $F$  be the sub field  $K(\{x\}_{x \in I})$ . If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is any finite sub collection from  $I$ , then there exists an  $s \in s_{x_1} G_{x_1} \cap \dots \cap s_{x_n} G_{x_n}$ . Hence for any  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from  $I$  there exists an  $s \in G$  such that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are mapped by  $s$  to  $s_{x_1}(x_1), \dots, s_{x_n}(x_n)$  respectively. Hence the correspondence  $x \rightarrow s_x(x)$  yields an isomorphism of  $F/K$  into  $E/K$  satisfying the condition mentioned in the theorem. Hence there exists a  $s \in G$  extending this isomorphism, i.e. there is a  $s \in G$  such that for each  $x \in I$ ,  $s(x) = s_x(x)$ . This implies  $s \in s_x G_x$  for every  $x \in I$ . This completes the sufficiency part.

Suppose now  $J$  is compact. To show that the condition of the theorem is satisfied. Let  $F$  be an intermediate field and  $\sigma$  be an isomorphism of  $F/K$  into  $E/K$  satisfying the condition mentioned in the theorem. To show that  $\sigma$  is extendible to an automorphism of  $E/K$ . Let  $F = K(\{x\}_{x \in I})$  for a suitable index set. For each  $x \in I$  choose an  $s_x \in G$  such that  $\sigma(x) = s_x(x)$ . Now consider the collection of closed set  $\{s_x G_x\}_{x \in I}$ . The condition in the theorem implies that this collection satisfies the finite intersection property. Hence by the compactness of  $J$ , there exists  $s \in \bigcap_{x \in I} s_x G_x$ . Hence for each  $x \in I$ ,  $s(x) = s_x(x) = \sigma(x)$ . Hence  $s$  extends  $\sigma$ . This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.10.** a) Let  $E/K$  be an algebraic separable normal extension. Let  $\tau_0$  be the Krull topology on  $G$ . If  $F$  is any intermediate field any isomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $F/K$  into  $E/K$  satisfies the condition mentioned in the theorem. Also  $\tau_0$  coincides with  $J$  [4]. Hence the compactness of the Krull topology is precisely equivalent to the algebraic fact: any isomorphism  $\sigma : F/K \rightarrow E/K$  of an intermediate field  $F$  is extendible to an automorphism of  $E/K$ . This theorem and its proof incidentally give a simpler proof for the verification of the compactness of the Krull topology.

b) When  $E/K$  is of finite transcendence degree, Theorem 4.3 in [4] gives a weaker condition for compactness of  $J$ . This weaker condition is not sufficient when  $E/K$  is of infinite transcendence degree. For if  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the rational number field the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  where  $x_i$  are algebraically independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies the condition but the topology  $J$  is not compact in this case.

c) Even if  $E/K$  satisfies the condition that any automorphism of an intermediate field  $F/K$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $E/K$ ,  $J$  need not be compact. The example in (b) again serves the purpose.

**Remark 2.11.** It has been proved in [4] that  $J$  is compact in the following cases: (1)  $E$  is a finitely generated extension on  $K$ ; (2)  $E$  is of finite transcendence degree over  $K$  and  $E$  is a Dedekind extension of  $K$ , in particular when  $K$  is of characteristic zero and  $E$  an algebraically closed extension of finite transcendence degree. We get also the case when  $E$  is any extension of transcendence degree 1 over  $K$  and every automorphism of  $\bar{K}$  over  $K$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $E$  over  $K$ .



**Theorem 2.1<sup>\*</sup>.** *Let  $E$  be a Dedekind extension of  $K$ . Then  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a compact space.*

**Proof<sup>\*</sup>.** If  $E = \bar{K}$  there is nothing to prove. Let  $B$  be a transcendence base of  $E$  over  $K$  and let  $F = K(B)$ . Now let  $G_1$  be the group of all automorphisms of  $E$  over  $F$ .

Now  $E$  is algebraic Dedekind and hence algebraically separable normal over  $F$ .

If  $sG_x$  is a sub-basic closed set in  $(G, J)$  and  $sG_x \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$  then  $sG_x \cap G_1 = s_1(G_x \cap G_1)$  for any  $s_1 \in sG_x \cap G_1$ . But  $G_x \cap G_1$  is a Galois closed subgroup contained in  $G_1$  and hence a closed subgroup of  $G_1$  under the  $J$  topology on  $G_1$  (considering  $E, F, G_1$ ). On the other hand the  $J$ -topology on  $G_1$  is coarser than the subspace topology on  $G_1$  and hence we get that the  $J$ -topology on  $G_1$  is equal to the subspace topology on  $G_1$ . Since  $E$  is algebraic over  $F$  by Theorem 2.9 of [4], the  $J$  topology on  $G_1$  coincides with the Krull topology on  $G_1$ . But under the Krull topology  $G_1$  is compact. Hence  $G_1$  is a compact subset of  $(G, J)$ . Now if  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of  $\bar{K}$  over  $K$ , then  $\sigma$  easily extends to an automorphism of  $F(\bar{K})$  over  $F$  and then since  $E$  is algebraic separable normal over  $F$ , this extends to an automorphism of  $E$  over  $F$ . Hence  $\sigma$  extends to an element of  $G_1$ . Now using Theorem 2.2, if  $sG_0 \in \bar{G}$ , and  $s_1 \in G_1$  is such that  $s_1|_{\bar{K}} = s|_{\bar{K}}$  then  $s_1$  maps onto  $sG_0$  in  $\bar{G}$ . So  $G_1$  maps onto  $\bar{G}$ . Hence it follows that  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is compact.

**Corollary 2.13.**  *$(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is compact in the following cases:*

- 1)  $E$  is an algebraically closed extension of  $K$  and  $K$  is of characteristic zero.
- 2)  $\bar{K}$  is a finite extension of  $K$ .

**Proof.** In case (1)  $E$  is surely a Dedekind extension of  $K$  and hence we can apply Theorem 2.6. In case (2)  $\bar{G}$  is a finite space and hence compact.

### 3

We prove the main results in this section.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\bar{K}$  be Galois closed. Then for all  $n > 0$*

$$H^n(G, J, E) \simeq H^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}) \text{ and}$$

$$H^n(G, J, E^*) \simeq H^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}^*),$$

where  $\bar{G} = G/G_0$ ,  $\bar{J}$  is the quotient topology on  $\bar{G}$  from  $G$  under the canonical homomorphism  $\alpha_1: G \rightarrow \bar{G} = G/G_0$ .

**Proof.** Since translations are homeomorphism for  $J$  we get that  $\alpha_1$  is a continuous open map from  $(G, J)$  onto  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$ . This makes the map (we call it  $\alpha_n$ )  $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow (\alpha_1(s_1), \dots, \alpha_1(s_n))$  from  $G^n$  to  $\bar{G}^n$  also a continuous open map when

$G^n$  and  $\bar{G}^n$  are given the product topologies. Hence  $\bar{G}^n$  with product topology is a quotient of  $G^n$  with its product topology (under this map). We will now get a map from  $Z^n(G, J, E)$  to  $Z^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ , when  $n \geq 1$ .

*Step (1):* Let  $f \in C^n(G, J, E)$ .  $f$  is a continuous map from  $G^n$  into  $E$ . We define  $\bar{f}: \bar{G}^n \rightarrow E$  as follows;  $\bar{f}(s_1 G_0, \dots, s_n G_0) = f(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . We note that for  $G^n$  also translations are homeomorphisms,  $G_0^n$  is a connected subset of  $G^n$ , and  $f$  is constant on connected subsets since  $E$  is discrete.

We get that if  $(s_1 G_0, \dots, s_n G_0) = (t_1 G_0, \dots, t_n G_0)$  then  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in (s_1, \dots, s_n) G_0^n$  and hence  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . This shows that  $\bar{f}$  is well defined and we get  $f = \bar{f} \circ \alpha_n$ . Since  $\bar{G}^n$  has quotient topology under  $\alpha_n$  and  $f$  is continuous, we get  $\bar{f}$  is continuous.

*Step (2):* If  $f \in C^n(G, J, E)$  and  $df \in C^{n+1}(G, J, E)$  then  $s_1 f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) = f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1})$  if  $s_1 \in G_0$  and  $(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) \in G^n$ . Hence  $f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) \in \bar{K}$ . For

$$\begin{aligned} df(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}) &= s_1 f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f(s_1, \dots, s_i s_{i+1}, \dots, s_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} f(s_1, \dots, s_n). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $s_1 \in G_0$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} (s_1 s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) &\in G_0^n(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) \\ (s_1, s_2 s_3, \dots, s_{n+1}) &\in G_0^n(1, s_2 s_3, \dots) \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} f(s_1 s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) &= f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) \\ f(s_1, s_2 s_3, \dots, s_{n+1}) &= f(1, s_2 s_3, \dots, s_{n+1}) \\ &\vdots \\ f(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) &= f(1, s_2, \dots, s_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the above expression becomes

$$df(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}) = s_1 f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) - f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) + df(1, s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}).$$

But  $df \in C^{n+1}(G, J, E)$  implies  $df(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}) = df(1, s_2, \dots, s_{n+1})$ . This yields  $s_1 f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1}) = f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1})$ . Hence  $f(s_2, \dots, s_{n+1})$  belongs to the fixed field of  $G_0$ . Then Theorem 2.2 completes the proof of step (2).

*Step (3):* Let now  $f \in Z^n(G, J, E)$ . Then  $f \in C^n(G, J, E)$  and  $df = 0$ . By step (2) we get  $\bar{f}(\bar{G}^n) \subset \bar{K}$ . Hence  $\bar{f}$  is a continuous map from  $\bar{G}^n$  into  $\bar{K}$ . Also a direct checking from the fact that  $df = 0$ , yields  $d\bar{f} = 0$ . Hence  $\bar{f} \in Z^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ .

We define a map  $\beta: Z^n(G, J, E) \rightarrow Z^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  by  $\beta(f) = \bar{f}$ .

It is easy to see that  $\beta(f + g) = \beta(f) + \beta(g)$  and that  $f \neq 0$  implies that  $\beta(f) \neq 0$ . Also if  $g \in Z^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  we define  $g_1: G^n \rightarrow E$  by  $g_1 = g \circ \alpha_n$ .  $g_1$  is continuous since

$\alpha_n$  and  $g$  are continuous. Also  $dg = 0$  yields easily that  $dg_1 = 0$ . Furthermore, we verify easily that  $\beta(g_1) = g$ . Hence  $\beta$  is surjective. It follows that  $\beta$  is an isomorphism.

**Step (4):** We now show that  $\beta(B^n(G, J, E)) = B^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ .

**Case (i):**  $n = 1$ . If  $f \in B^1(G, J, E)$ ,  $f = dg$ ,  $g \in E$  and so  $f(s) = sg - g$  for each  $s \in G$ . Now  $f(1) = 0$  and hence  $f(G_0) = 0$  and so  $g$  is fixed by each element of  $G_0$  and hence  $g \in \bar{K}$ . Therefore  $f(s) = (sG_0)g - g$  and so it follows that  $\beta(f) = \bar{f} = dg$ ,  $g \in \bar{K}$  and hence  $\beta(f) \in B^1(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ .

If  $h \in B^1(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ , then  $h = dg$  for a  $g \in \bar{K}$ . Consider now  $g$  as an element of  $E$  and let  $h_1 = dg$ . If  $s \in G$ ,  $h_1(s) = sg - g = (sG_0)g - g = (h \circ \alpha_1)(s)$  and hence  $h_1 = h \circ \alpha_1$ . So  $h_1 \in C^1(G, J, E)$  and hence  $h_1 \in B^1(G, J, E)$ . Now  $\beta(h_1)(sG_0) = h_1(s) = sg - g = (sG_0)g - g = h(sG_0)$  and so  $\beta(h_1) = h$ . Thus  $\beta(B^1(G, J, E)) = B^1(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ .

**Case (ii):**  $n > 1$ . If  $f \in B^n(G, J, E)$ , then  $f = dg$ ,  $g \in C^{n-1}(G, J, E)$ . Now  $g \in C^{n-1}(G, J, E)$  and  $dg \in C^n(G, J, E)$  imply by step (2) that  $g(G^{n-1}) \subset \bar{K}$ . We consider  $\beta(g) = \bar{g}$ . By step (1),  $\bar{g} \in C^{n-1}(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ . We check easily that  $\beta(f) = \bar{f} = d\bar{g}$ . Since by step (1)  $\bar{f} \in C^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  we get that  $\beta(f) \in B^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ . Let  $h \in B^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  and  $h = d\bar{g}$ ,  $\bar{g} \in C^{n-1}(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ . Let  $g_1 = g \circ \alpha_{n-1}$ .  $g_1 \in C^{n-1}(G, J, E)$ . Put  $h_1 = dg_1$ . We have by direct calculation  $h_1 = h \circ \alpha_n$  and so  $h_1 \in C^n(G, J, E)$  and hence to  $B^n(G, J, E)$ . We then check easily that  $\beta(h_1) = h$ .

Hence  $\beta(B^n(G, J, E)) = B^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ .

**Step (5):**  $\beta$  is an isomorphism of  $Z^n(G, J, E)$  onto  $Z^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$  and maps  $B^n(G, J, E)$  onto  $B^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ . Hence  $H^n(G, J, E) \simeq H^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$ . That  $H^n(G, J, E^*) \simeq H^n(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}^*)$  follows similarly.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $E, K, G$ , be such that  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed. Then for all  $n \geq 0$  we have

- 1)  $H^n(G, J, E) \simeq H^n(S, \tau_0, \bar{K})$  and
- 2)  $H^n(G, J, E^*) \simeq H^n(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*)$ , where  $S = \{\sigma \in G(\bar{K}/K) : \sigma \text{ is extendable to an automorphism of } E \text{ over } K\}$  and  $\tau_0$  is the Krull topology on  $S$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.6 the transformation system  $(S, \tau_0, \bar{K})$   $((S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*))$  is isomorphic to the system  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K})$   $((\bar{G}, \bar{J}, \bar{K}^*))$ . Hence Proposition 1.8 and Theorem 3.1 establish Theorem 3.2 if  $n > 1$ . If  $n = 0$  we have  $H^0(G, J, E) = K = H^0(S, \tau_0, \bar{K})$  and  $H^0(G, J, E^*) = K^* = H^0(S, \tau_0, \bar{K}^*)$ , since every  $\sigma \in G$  gives rise to an element  $\sigma|_{\bar{K}}$  of  $S$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $E, K, G$  be such that  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed and  $(\bar{G}, \bar{J})$  is a compact space. Then for all  $n > 0$

$$H^n(G, J, E) \simeq H^n(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0, \bar{K}) \text{ and}$$

$$H^n(G, J, E^*) \simeq H^n(G(\bar{K}/K), \tau_0, \bar{K}^*).$$

**Proof.** This follows easily from Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 2.7.

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $E, K, G$  is such that  $\bar{K}$  is Galois closed, then  $H^1(G, J, E) = 0$  and  $H^1(G, J, E^*) = 1$ .*

**Proof.** Consider the case  $H^1(G, J, E^*)$ . Let  $f : G \rightarrow E^*$  be a 1-cocycle. Then  $f$  is a continuous map from  $(G, J)$  into the discrete space  $E^*$  such that for all  $s, t \in G$ ,  $f(st) = sf(t) \cdot f(s)$ .

Hence we get  $f(e) = 1$ . Then  $V = f^{-1}(1)$  must be a open and closed set in  $(G, J)$  containing  $e$ . Then  $G \setminus V$  being also open and closed is a union of cosets of  $G_0$ . Hence by Theorem 2.4  $V$  contains a  $G_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  such that  $K(\alpha)$  is finite normal over  $K$ . The fixed field of  $G_\alpha$  is  $K(\alpha)$  since  $K(\alpha)$  is finite over  $K$  and hence by a theorem of Kaplansky [1, p. 15]  $K(\alpha)$  is Galois closed. If  $s \in G_\alpha$  and  $t \in G$  we have  $f(st) = sf(t) \cdot f(s) = sf(t)$ . But  $G_\alpha$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  since  $K(\alpha)$  is normal over  $K$ .

Hence  $st = ts'$ ,  $s' \in G_\alpha$ . Then  $f(ts') = tf(s') \cdot f(t) = f(t)$ . So  $f(st) = sf(t) = f(t)$ . Thus  $f(t) \in K(\alpha)$ . Hence  $f(G) \subset K(\alpha)$ . Also  $G/G_\alpha$  can be considered as the Galois group of  $K(\alpha)$  over  $K$  and if we define  $\bar{f}(tG_\alpha) = f(t)$  we have a 1-cycle from  $G/G_\alpha$  into  $K(\alpha)^*$ . Hence by classical Galois cohomology there is an  $a \in K(\alpha)^*$  such that

$$\bar{f}(tG_\alpha) = \frac{(tG_\alpha)(a)}{a} = \frac{t(a)}{a}.$$

We now have if  $t \in G$ ,  $f(t) = \bar{f}(tG_\alpha) = t(a)/a$  and hence  $f$  is a coboundary. But by hypothesis  $f : G \rightarrow E^*$  is continuous. Hence it follows that  $f \in B^1(G, J, E^*)$ . Hence  $H^1(G, J, E^*) = 1$ . That  $H^1(G, J, E) = 0$  follows similarly.

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